

being one for every 1501 inhabitants, the number of convictions was one for every 550 inhabitants. That is, in one set of counties, the people were about twice as well educated as in the other, and one half as much addicted to crime. In other words, in proportion as the people were educated, they were free from crime.

“ Thrift and good morals usually keep pace with the spread of intelligence among the people. This has been the result in all those countries of Europe where good schools are maintained, as in Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and most of the German States. Pauperism with its attendant evils and crimes, is almost unknown in these countries, while in England, where the common people are worse educated than those of any Protestant nation in the world, pauperism has become an evil which her wisest statesmen have given up as unmanageable. In 1848 in addition to hundreds of persons assisted by charitable individuals, no less than 1,876,541 paupers were relieved by the Boards of Guardians of the Poor, at an expense from the public purse of nearly thirty millions of dollars; that is, about one-eighth of the entire population were paupers.”

It is stated in an article in the *North American Review*, for July, 1869, that England supports not less than one-twentieth of her entire population as paupers; and, that not less than one-tenth of her population are so near the boundaries of pauperism, that they are dependent on public or private charities for a part of their living every year, and that one-fourth of the entire English people are, at some period of their lives, dependent for subsistence upon public or private charity.

The statistics of our own country point the same way. I will give here, only those furnished by our own State Penitentiary. I had the honor to receive, a few days ago, a statement from Deputy Warden Everard Hall, from which it appears, that of the 389 persons who were prisoners at any time during the year ending November 1st, 1871, 264 could neither read nor write; sixty-two could barely read; fifty-nine could read